

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are in the application. Claims 15-20 are new.

Claims 1-14 are rejected as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Unger et al., U.S. 5,721,910.

Applicants note that the present application claims benefit of priority from applications dated in 1997, before the issuance of Unger et al. Therefore, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is improperly asserted.

The specification includes the following language:

This is a continuation-in-part application of pending U.S. non-provisional application Ser. No. 08/921,369 filed Aug. 29, 1997 titled "Using Hyperbolic Trees to Visualize Data Generated by Patent-Centric and Group-Oriented Data Processing," which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Pat. No. 5,991,751 titled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Patent-Centric and Group-Oriented Data Processing," both of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entireties.

Likewise, these prior patent applications are noted on the filing receipt.

Therefore, it is believed that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) should be withdrawn.

It is believed that new claims 15-20 clearly distinguish Unger et al., and therefore are allowable.

Any additional fees due in connection herewith, or refunds of any overpayments, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0427.

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